

NEW SUMP DEATH-TRAP LOCATED



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE . . .
Mrs. Glen Keller of 3114 Sonoma isn't at all happy about the rising water level in her back yard—it's about 12" from the top.—Press Photo.

Drain Could Swallow Up Small Child

By RALPH GOMPERTZ

Another sump menace, which could easily cost the life of another child came to light this week, shortly on the heels of a tragic drowning involving a similar drainage sump.

The new sump is located on Maple st. and Sonoma (just south of the new civic center).

Providing a potential death scene is the curb opening that leads into the drainage pipe which drains into the huge sump. There is no protection bar across this opening. A small child could conceivably slip through that opening, down the drainage pipe and into the large drainage sump—and drown.

The curb opening is located at Floorwood and Sonoma.

City Engineer Ronald Bishop stated that he has already dictated a letter to be sent to Home Savings and Loan to correct this menace.

There are numerous homes located near the sump. These homes were built by Home Savings and Loan as was the sump, which provides drainage for the area.

City Holds Bond

Bishop said that the city still has the firm's bond and that it could hold up this bond until the requirements are complied with.

He said the Engineering Department requires subdividers to put in protection bars on such sumps although the city does not have a specific law which would make it compulsory.

The County Flood Control district requires such a bar when the opening is greater than 6 1/2" and Los Angeles demands it at 8".

Other Troubles

In addition to the sump menace, other troubles came to light this week in this Madrona square area.

It involved a rising water level which comes within 12" of the surface.

First to discover this, was who began investigating her soil after having had trouble Mrs. Glen Keller of 3114 Sonoma trying to grow things in her garden.

Upon literally digging into the matter, she discovered that she had pools of water just about 12" underneath the surface.

Mrs. Keller indicated that three other lots adjoining hers had similar problems. Different officials had different stories.

Bishop asked Dominguez Water co. to see if there might be a leak in its water main causing the accumulation of water.

Bishop said that normally there would be no source of underground water here which could cause the pool formation. Nor is Mrs. Keller's location the low point in the area, thus making it unlikely that water would drain toward her lot, he said. He said it was not likely that the low point had shifted.

The city engineer said that (Turn to Page 16)

Health Officer Issues Warning Against Rabies

Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles County Health Officer, this week issued a warning that the animal situation in Los Angeles county is severe at the present time and may become even more so before the year is over.

Since the first of the year, a total of 124 rabid animals have died from the disease, Los Angeles city accounting for 36, and the remainder of the county 88.

Dr. Gilbert issued a special plea that all animal bites be reported immediately to the nearest county health center. Compliance with the rabies vaccination program will not necessarily stop rabies immediately as the vaccination program is a long range one, whereas the rabies problem and danger of human infection is with us now, he said.

Failure to immediately report an animal bite could result in additional bites or infection by the offending animal, or in the loss of human life. It is well for everyone to realize that it is also a California State Law that anyone knowing of an animal bite is responsible for its being reported, Dr. Gilbert said.

The full cooperation of all residents is requested in that all animal bites be reported to Torrance Health center, 2300 Carson street, FA. 8-3310, or the nearest health center. Complete information must be given as to the patient and the animal concerned. The animal will then be closely observed during the critical 15 days, as a protection to the person bitten.

It is also requested that pets be kept on leashes, or inside a fenced yard at all times. Any animal suspected of having rabies, or showing abnormal symptoms, should be reported to the Los Angeles County Pound department, TO 2-5849, in order that the suspicious animal may be impounded and closely observed.

Hawthorne Signal to Aid School Crossing

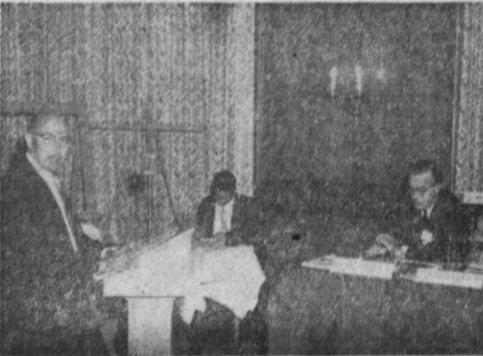
Traffic signals at five locations will be installed along Hawthorne ave. around the first of the year, according to the State Highway division.

Bids, totaling an estimated \$70,000, will be received November 29.

New signals will be installed at 238th st., Lomita Blvd., 230th st., 186th st., and 169th st.

Two of these signals—at 230th st. and 186th st.—will ease a long-standing traffic problem for children attending the Meadow park and El Nido elementary schools.

Mercury vapor lights will also be installed at each intersection.



Reaches End

Following delivery of the final fuselage from Interstate Engineering corporation in El Segundo, and assemblies from other outside manufacturers, Ship No. 72 of the Navy AD-7 series, brings to an end the AD Skyraider production at the Torrance location of Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo division.

Death Takes A. M. Nooney

Requiem mass for Aloysius Martin Nooney, 58, manager of the former Idle Hour Cafe and Grill in Lennox until his retirement recently, was celebrated Thursday, November 15, in St. Anselm's Catholic church, 70th street and Van Ness.

Hammond-Mispagel & Ruppe funeral directors are handling arrangements.

He has managed or owned several cafes in the southern California area. He was born in Necedah, Wisconsin.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Alma Nooney; daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Wirick, 23170 Doris Way, Torrance; son, Aloysius Nooney, of the home; brother, John Nooney, Glendale.

Interment was at Holy Cross cemetery.

Rosary was recited Wednesday, at St. Anselm's.



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WAITING FOR IT'S FIRST VICTIM
The lack of a protection bar across this opening is an invitation to disaster. A child could slip in there or be swept into it. —Press Photo.

Hearing Set In 'Barefoot' Murder Case

Fred E. Horsley, 35, accused of being the barefooted murderer in the death of his wife, Maudie Lee, will enter his plea to the charge Wednesday in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Horsley was arraigned Friday in the Superior Court of Judge Clement D. Nye.

Mrs. Horsley was slain in the couple's home at 3221 W. 190th st. last October 16.

The woman had returned from her night job just minutes before her death which occurred about 1:30 a. m. Horsley, who is being held without bail, told police he was asleep at the time. He said he was awakened by what he thought was his children crying.

Horsley maintained that, on investigating, he heard his wife call for help and that he saw her struggling with an unknown assailant.

There were bloody barefoot prints on the cement outside the kitchen. Horsley was barefooted when police arrived at the scene.

Press Xmas Shopping Issue Nov. 29

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Torrance Press is coming out early this week. The next edition will appear Thursday, November 29 and will be the big annual Christmas edition, announcing the official opening of the Christmas shopping season.

Youngsters Offered Free Want Ads for Yule Season

Here's a real Christmas season opportunity for youngsters up to and including 15 years of age.

To help you with your Christmas shopping and planning the Torrance Press is offering you a free classified ad service.

We will publish these ads free of charge—no strings attached.

You may use them to sell, buy or swap kid's and teen-ager's things—such as clothes, skates, bikes, trains, doll carriages and many other items.

These ads will be accepted by mail, or you may bring them to the Torrance Press office (1406 Cravens ave., near the library) in person.

No orders will be accepted by phone, however. The free ad offer is good from November 29 to December 13.

Ads must be in the Torrance Press office by 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday edition (the next edition after today will be out Thursday, November 29).

Ads should be written clearly, giving name, address, telephone number, items, price, and whether you wish to trade, sell, buy (or so forth).

Ads will be published in the classified section under a special "Kids" Column.

Youngsters will be limited to 15 words and to one ad apiece.

Ad in Press Worth Bird In Hand . . .

Lose something? Chances are that we can find it for you—though sometimes in a somewhat round-about way.

Take Mrs. Pearl Riggles of 2042 Kathy way for instance. Mrs. Riggles lost a female cockateel. Right away she placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

LOST FEMALE COCKATEEL
Kettler Knolls District
2042 Kathy Way, Torrance
DA. 6-002

Neighbors, who hadn't read the ad, found the bird. They called the Torrance Press to find out if we happened to know of anyone who had lost a cockateel.

Naturally we did—and so cockateel and owner were reunited.

So, if you have a problem, try solving it with a Press ad—it might work!

Call FA. 8-2345. It's only \$1.30 for 15 words. If you come into the office and pay for it before the date of publication you earn a 30-cent cash discount.

John Fedor Will Head Reservists

John Fedor was elected president of the Torrance Police Reserve Officers association at the group's regular meeting Wednesday.

Others elected to serve with him this coming year include Steve Schmidt, vice president, and Jerry Alter, secretary-treasurer.

Also appointed as captains were Steve Schmidt, Bill King, Jerry Alter and Bud Walsh.

New Law to Protect Residents

The proposed ordinance permitting house-to-house selling is meant to protect rather than annoy homeowners, according to John Kesson of the North Torrance Civic Improvement association.

Kesson stated that at present house-to-house selling is prohibited in Torrance. Such a law however, is unconstitutional, thus leaving the city wide open for house-to-house salesmen.

Consequently there's no protection for homeowners.

The proposed new law would require salesmen to be investigated by the Police Department, License Department and any other pertinent departments before being issued a license to sell.

The proposed license fee is \$50 a year or \$5 a day. The fee would probably be waived for disabled veterans.

AMBACH RETIRES

Thirty-four years of railroad-ing ended recently for William H. Ambach of Torrance, who retired from the Pacific Electric Railway company.

SPECIAL READING IN TODAY'S ISSUE

Did you know that there was an unwritten conspiracy going on among newspapers to suppress certain types of news? For a fearless expose see V. Q. BLUNDERBUSS' column on page 8.

POLYNOISES, whose weekly column now runs in the Torrance Press, has a suggestion which would revolutionize elections and put voting on a scientific and impartial basis, especially in regard to such complicated matters as proposition 4. See page 2.

MOLLY MAUDLIN gives some sage advice today on whether one should or shouldn't. See page 12.

Know Your Gold Seal Merchants

By DAVID MCGRAW
Gold Seal Merchants who are outstanding leaders in their particular fields have been selected for their integrity and honesty and are especially pledged to uphold the highest code of business ethics.

Displayed in their window will be a Gold Seal which is the symbol of satisfaction when shopping.



FRED WILLINGHAM, popular owner of Bill's Harbor Service at 16666 West Carson, posing with his son, Donald, hails from Oklahoma, having received his education in Arkansas. Since engaging in present pursuit over a year ago Bill has mushroomed in popularity by his consistent efforts to extend extra courtesies to each customer who swings on to his busy service station corner. Gas, oil, lubrication, with pick-up service, comprise his efficient and reliable operation. His friendliness brushes off on every customer who "Brakes for a stop at Bill's." He and his wife, Isabel, have a son, Don, 15, and a daughter, Connie Jean, 13.



E. J. "Ben" Benda, Czar of Chevron Service, who owns and operates the well-known Ben Benda Chevron Service at 21703 South Avalon, Torrance, placed his name on the front of his station in 1948. Featuring Atlas batteries and Atlas Tires, besides accommodating his large clientele with a line of high grade accessories, he also specializes in expert brake service, trigger motor tune-up and lubrication. Fortune has smiled upon him over the years as his popularity has spread throughout the entire area. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have 2 sons, Wayne and Bill. He is member of Chamber of Commerce and Optimist club.

Mayor Isen Speaks Before All-America Cities Jury

Mayor Albert Isen described Torrance's civic accomplishments to the jury in the All-America Cities Awards competition in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 13. Contest, sponsored by the National Municipal League and LOOK Magazine, is a feature of the 62nd Annual National Conference on Government, now in session in this city.

Torrance is one of the 22 finalists in the contest. The jury, of which Dr. George H. Gallup of Princeton, N. J., president of the National Municipal League and director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, is foreman, will select 11 communities as All-America Cities. They will be honored for civic achievement through united citizen action.

The 22 cities contesting here were picked as finalists from a

total of 164 cities nominated for honors. The evidence presented this week will be the basis for preliminary judging by the jury. Winners will be announced next year.

Members of the jury are Vernon C. Myers, New York, publisher, LOOK Magazine; Thomas R. Reid, Dearborn, Mich., director of civic affairs, Ford Motor Co.; John S. Linsen, New York, vice president, National Municipal League, and vice president, Chase National Bank; Harry J. Krusz, Lincoln, Neb., president, Harry S. Krusz & Co.; Miss Margaret Wilkinson, Memphis, Tenn., past national membership chairman, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, and Professor James M. Osborn, Yale University. More are Leo Perlis, New York; director, AFL-CIO Community Services committee; Dr. Donald Webster,

Seattle, Wash., University of Washington; Mrs. Aaron Fischer, St. Louis, Mo., past president, League of Women Voters of Missouri; Dr. Gallup; Boyd Campbell, Jackson, Miss., chairman of the board, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. J. Hugh Knox, Nashville, Tenn., member of board of directors, General Federation of Women's clubs.